



Chick Production

Commercial hatcheries produced 261,528,000 chicks during May--down 10 percent from May 1958 but 12 above the 1953-57 average for the month. The number of broiler-type chicks hatched was down 4 percent from May last year. The number of egg-type chicks hatched was down 20 percent.

The number of broiler-type chicks produced during May totaled 173,594,000, compared with 180,726,000 in May 1958. For January through May the hatch of broiler-type chicks was up 8 percent. Egg-type chicks hatched during May totaled 87,934,000, compared with 109,722,000 in May 1958. Production January through May totaled 436,327,000--down 4 percent from this same period in 1958.

Smaller June hatches than a year ago are in prospect. The demand for chicks, both broiler-type and egg-type, is considerably less than a year ago because of the relatively low prices for eggs and broilers. The number of broiler-type eggs in incubators on June 1 was 7 percent less than on June 1, 1958. The number of eggs for egg-type chicks in incubators on June 1 was 31 percent less than on June 1 last year.

Poult Production

Heavy white breed production during May of 3,948,000 was 31 percent larger than in May 1958. Other heavy breed production (mostly bronze) of 13,723,000 was 3 percent less than in May last year. The total heavy breed hatch for May was up 3 percent from a year ago. For the year to date, January through May, the hatch of heavy white breed poult was up 32 percent from this same period last year. Other heavy breeds were down 5 percent resulting in about a 1 percent increase in the number of heavy breed poult hatched during the months, compared with the same period in 1958. The number of light breed poult hatched during May totaled 2,886,000--up 34 percent from May 1958. The cumulative hatch January through May totaled 9,344,000--40 percent more than were hatched during these month in 1958.

Turkey eggs in incubators on June 1 indicate that the number of heavy white breed poult hatched in June will be larger than in June last year. The hatch of other heavy breed poult, mostly broad breasted bronze, will be smaller. The light breed hatch in June is indicated to be about the same as in June 1958.

Chicks hatched by commercial hatcheries

State and division:	Broiler-type				Egg-type	
	: January through May				: May	
	1958	1959 1/	1958	1959 1/	1958	1959 1/
	Thousands	Thousands	Thousands	Thousands	Thousands	Thousands
Maine.....	5,532	5,310	24,502	24,910	594	654
N.H.....	1,488	1,320	7,144	6,950	558	520
Vt.....	21	0	103	48	94	94
Mass.....	1,553	1,185	7,366	5,797	1,569	1,270
R.I.....	258	283	1,125	1,319	55	65
Conn.....	3,915	3,549	16,658	17,587	1,539	807
N.E.....	12,767	11,647	56,898	56,611	4,409	3,410
N.Y.....	617	770	2,672	3,330	2,341	1,850
N.J.....	1,620	930	7,413	5,390	3,300	1,650
Pa.....	5,293	4,523	25,002	22,460	4,918	4,070
M.A.....	7,530	6,223	35,087	31,180	10,559	7,570
Ohio.....	2,320	2,000	8,870	8,600	6,010	5,400
Ind.....	6,818	5,869	29,464	28,953	6,246	4,988
Ill.....	1,496	950	6,415	5,205	7,006	4,840
Mich.....	790	600	3,500	3,050	2,450	2,200
Wis.....	1,745	1,750	7,402	7,970	3,066	2,250
E.N.C.....	13,169	11,169	55,651	53,778	24,778	19,678
Minn.....	310	140	1,315	1,717	10,545	7,200
Iowa.....	643	375	2,525	1,875	18,020	14,500
Mo.....	7,568	5,579	31,127	28,863	7,485	4,881
N.Dak.....	50	20	95	56	1,334	1,020
S.Dak.....	18	0	47	0	4,501	3,650
Nebr.....	195	150	662	605	5,120	5,003
Kans.....	787	400	2,860	1,840	2,973	2,000
W.N.C.....	9,571	6,964	38,631	34,956	49,978	38,254
Del.....	8,122	6,472	37,526	32,663	50	30
Md.....	9,843	8,243	39,569	40,722	226	252
Va.....	8,346	7,919	34,286	37,314	1,129	874
W.Va.....	1,349	1,105	5,485	5,078	245	198
N.C.....	13,043	12,710	56,395	61,635	874	899
S.C.....	1,812	1,656	8,137	8,726	513	579
Ga.....	31,047	31,926	134,555	148,785	935	1,707
Fla.....	2,065	1,561	9,039	8,076	868	81
S.A.....	75,627	71,592	324,992	342,999	4,840	5,356
Ky.....	1,705	1,800	6,760	7,850	1,140	700
Tenn.....	3,970	3,850	16,335	19,200	1,185	900
Ala.....	12,162	14,858	50,177	66,784	418	508
Miss.....	8,096	10,291	33,019	48,031	355	608
E.S.C.....	25,933	30,799	106,291	141,865	3,098	2,716
Ark.....	12,741	13,997	56,287	67,690	323	299
La.....	1,671	2,141	7,027	11,195	248	313
Okla.....	810	850	3,760	4,740	1,000	600
Texas.....	12,166	9,815	49,967	46,648	2,197	1,601
W.S.C.....	27,388	26,803	117,041	130,273	3,768	2,813
Mont.....	78	60	261	162	333	350
Idaho.....	234	365	1,076	1,767	326	215
Wyo.&N.Mex. 2/	0	9	0	38	48	16
Colo.....	171	99	682	377	523	379
Ariz.....	55	55	249	284	149	115
Utah.....	196	198	865	1,006	278	139
Nev.....						
Mount.....	734	786	3,133	3,634	1,657	1,214
Wash.....	1,450	1,311	6,202	6,614	1,102	1,113
Oreg.....	1,433	1,523	5,720	7,363	664	538
Calif.....	5,124	4,777	22,526	25,358	4,869	5,272
Pac.....	8,007	7,611	34,448	39,335	6,635	6,923
U.S.....	180,726	173,594	772,172	834,631	109,722	87,934

1/ Preliminary. 2/ Combined to avoid disclosing individual operations.

Chicks hatched by commercial hatcheries (continued)

State and division	Egg-type			Total		Total	
	January through May:			May	January through May		
	Average:						
	1958	1959 1/	1953-57:	1958	1959 1/	1958	1959 1/
	Thou.	Thou.	Thou.	Thou.	Thou.	Thou.	Thou.
Maine.....	2,685	3,032	3,432	6,126	5,964	27,187	27,942
N.H.....	2,413	2,509	2,936	2,046	1,840	9,557	9,459
Vt.....	390	365	132	115	94	493	413
Mass.....	8,764	8,140	2,743	3,122	2,455	16,130	13,937
R.I.....	212	310	242	313	348	1,337	1,629
Conn.....	8,259	5,856	5,023	5,454	4,356	24,917	23,443
N.E.....	22,723	20,212	14,509	17,176	15,057	79,621	76,823
N.Y.....	11,424	9,650	3,084	2,958	2,620	14,096	12,980
N.J.....	17,490	14,580	4,040	4,920	2,580	24,903	19,970
Pa.....	23,922	24,837	8,693	10,211	8,593	48,924	47,297
M.A.....	52,836	49,067	15,817	18,089	13,793	87,923	80,247
Ohio.....	23,700	21,950	7,980	8,330	7,400	32,570	30,550
Ind.....	24,202	22,823	13,345	13,064	10,857	53,666	51,776
Ill.....	29,817	24,977	9,426	8,502	5,790	36,232	30,182
Mich.....	10,750	9,550	3,282	3,240	2,800	14,250	12,600
Wis.....	12,710	10,950	4,063	4,811	4,000	20,112	18,920
E.N.C.....	101,179	90,250	38,096	37,947	30,847	156,830	144,028
Minn.....	41,810	36,705	11,227	10,855	7,640	43,125	38,422
Iowa.....	58,220	51,250	17,506	18,663	14,875	60,745	53,125
Mo.....	22,141	19,614	14,872	15,053	10,460	53,268	48,477
N.Dak.....	3,593	3,380	1,415	1,384	1,040	3,688	3,436
S.Dak.....	13,711	13,709	4,246	4,519	3,650	13,758	13,709
Nebr.....	18,514	19,254	5,158	5,315	5,153	19,176	19,859
Kans.....	12,346	11,120	3,251	3,760	2,400	15,206	12,960
W.N.C.....	170,335	155,032	57,674	59,549	45,218	208,966	189,988
Del.....	139	187	6,036	8,172	6,502	37,665	32,850
Md.....	804	1,103	7,274	10,069	8,495	40,373	41,825
Va.....	4,961	5,217	7,570	9,475	8,793	39,247	42,531
W.Va.....	645	707	1,470	1,594	1,303	6,130	5,785
N.C.....	5,811	6,353	8,754	13,917	13,609	62,206	67,988
S.C.....	3,004	3,271	1,425	2,325	2,235	11,141	11,997
Ga.....	6,024	11,685	18,994	31,982	33,633	140,579	160,470
Fla.....	4,883	5,658	2,721	2,933	2,378	13,922	13,734
S.A.....	26,271	34,181	54,243	80,467	76,948	351,263	377,180
Ky.....	3,845	3,775	2,301	2,845	2,500	10,605	11,625
Tenn.....	5,800	6,190	3,063	5,155	4,750	22,135	25,390
Ala.....	3,100	4,182	5,438	12,580	15,366	53,277	70,966
Miss.....	2,089	3,349	4,879	8,451	10,899	35,108	51,380
E.S.C.....	14,834	17,496	15,680	29,031	33,515	121,125	159,361
Ark.....	1,790	2,917	8,155	13,064	14,296	58,077	70,607
La.....	1,285	1,728	1,018	1,919	2,454	8,312	12,923
Okla.....	4,560	4,200	1,813	1,810	1,450	8,320	8,940
Texas.....	14,951	14,960	9,780	14,363	11,416	64,918	61,608
W.S.C.....	22,586	23,805	20,756	31,156	29,616	139,627	154,078
Mont.....	1,507	1,609	470	411	410	1,768	1,771
Idaho.....	1,878	1,706	537	560	580	2,954	3,473
Wyo.&N.Mex. 2/:	236	132	90	48	25	236	170
Colo.....	2,343	2,042	847	694	478	3,025	2,419
Ariz.....	795	829	161	204	170	1,044	1,113
Utah.....	1,690	1,548	340	474	337	2,555	2,554
Nev.....	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Mount.....	8,449	7,866	2,440	2,391	2,000	11,582	11,500
Wash.....	6,147	5,931	2,363	2,552	2,424	12,349	12,545
Oreg.....	3,704	3,129	1,720	2,097	2,061	9,424	10,492
Calif.....	24,620	29,358	9,351	9,993	10,049	47,146	54,716
Pac.....	34,471	38,418	13,434	14,642	14,534	68,919	77,753
U.S.....	453,684	436,327	232,649	290,448	261,528	1,225,856	1,270,958
1/ Preliminary.	2/ Combined to avoid disclosing individual operations.						

Baby chicks and turkey poults: Average prices paid to commercial hatcheries,

May 1, 1959

State and division	Baby chicks, per 100			Turkey poults, each		
	Broiler breeds	Egg type pullets		Heavy breeds		Light breeds
		Pure breeds	Incross breeds (Hybrids)	White	Other	
	Dollars	Dollars	Dollars	Cents	Cents	Cents
Maine	1/ 11.0	32.5	---	75	---	---
N.H.	11.0	36.0	---	79	85	---
Vt.	---	36.5	---	79	86	---
Mass.	11.5	37.0	---	81	86	70
R.I.	11.5	32.5	---	80	---	70
Conn.	1/ 11.0	32.5	---	80	83	---
N.E.	11.1	34.7	---	79.8	85.0	70.0
N.Y.	12.5	40.5	57.0	81	84	55
N.J.	15.5	38.0	57.0	82	85	65
Pa.	1/ 11.5	36.0	44.0	1/ 75	1/ 95	1/ 55
M.A.	12.4	37.8	45.2	78.1	92.7	55.9
Ohio	12.5	34.0	54.0	1/ 72	1/ 75	1/ 50
Ind.	1/ 10.5	29.5	50.0	55	65	45
Ill.	1/ 12.0	32.5	51.0	67	70	50
Mich.	13.0	37.0	53.0	70	72	60
Wis.	14.0	35.5	51.0	58	68	50
E.N.C.	11.6	33.4	51.7	65.4	71.3	52.5
Minn.	13.0	35.0	52.0	1/ 54	1/ 60	1/ 38
Iowa.	12.0	37.0	56.0	1/ 62	1/ 69	1/ 46
Mo.	1/ 7.9	26.0	51.0	1/ 60	1/ 65	1/ 45
N.Dak.	18.0	33.5	49.5	60	65	51
S.Dak.	17.5	35.0	48.5	60	61	45
Nebr.	16.0	33.0	52.0	66	67	65
Kans.	11.5	32.5	54.0	63	67	50
W.N.C.	9.0	33.1	51.8	55.6	64.9	41.6
Del.	1/ 8.5	---	---	---	---	---
Md.	1/ 8.0	35.0	57.0	---	---	---
Va. 1/	9.0	39.5	57.0	70	73	45
W.Va.	1/ 9.5	36.0	45.0	---	---	---
N.C.	1/ 8.0	33.0	46.0	65	60	---
S.C. 1/	8.2	35.0	---	68	65	49
Ga.	1/ 7.2	35.0	43.0	---	65	---
Fla.	1/ 9.0	43.5	52.0	65	65	50
S.A.	7.8	37.7	46.5	69.2	67.5	45.7
Ky.	10.5	26.5	55.0	---	---	47
Tenn.	9.0	35.0	56.0	---	69	---
Ala.	1/ 7.0	37.0	50.0	68	70	50
Miss.	1/ 8.0	40.0	50.0	60	65	40
E.S.C.	7.7	32.4	53.5	---	69.3	41.7
Ark.	1/ 8.0	37.0	51.0	60	63	45
La.	1/ 9.5	41.0	56.0	---	70	---
Okla.	12.5	29.0	51.0	65	65	45
Texas	1/ 8.5	32.0	50.0	1/ 50	1/ 60	1/ 40
W.S.C.	8.5	32.4	50.5	55.6	61.6	42.6
Mont.	18.5	37.0	47.0	---	90	---
Idaho	15.5	38.5	51.0	---	75	45
Colo.	16.0	31.5	56.0	75	70	50
N.Mex.	---	30.0	---	---	65	55
Ariz.	18.0	46.0	50.0	---	65	---
Utah	16.0	41.0	55.0	50	64	40
Mount.	16.3	38.2	53.9	52.5	66.4	42.0
Wash. 1/	13.5	41.0	49.0	55	60	---
Oreg. 1/	14.0	34.0	42.0	50	60	40
Calif. 1/	15.5	33.5	47.0	60	61	45
Pac.	14.9	34.8	45.9	59.9	60.7	43.3
U.S.	8.9	30.5	50.5	62.1	65.3	45.6
1/ As of the 15th of the month.						

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Chicks hatched by commercial hatcheries - United States

Month	By months				Cumulative			
	1958	1959-1/	Change from:	1958	1959 1/	Change from		
			last year			last year		
	Thou.	Thou.	Pct.	Thou.	Thou.	Thou.	Pct.	
Broiler-type								
January	139,977	151,874	+ 8	139,977	151,874	+ 11,897	+ 8	
February	137,226	148,228	+ 8	277,203	300,102	+ 22,899	+ 8	
March	151,253	182,240	+ 20	428,456	482,342	+ 53,886	+ 13	
April	162,990	178,695	+ 10	591,446	661,037	+ 69,591	+ 12	
May	180,726	173,594	- 4	772,172	834,631	+ 62,459	+ 8	
June	177,588			949,760				
July	172,027			1,121,787				
August	153,013			1,274,800				
September	130,303			1,405,103				
October	133,512			1,538,615				
November	133,650			1,672,265				
December	148,002			1,820,267				
Egg-type								
January	33,995	35,427	+ 4	33,995	35,427	+ 1,432	+ 4	
February	61,638	59,925	- 3	95,633	95,352	- 281	---	
March	112,906	120,175	+ 6	208,539	215,527	+ 6,988	+ 3	
April	135,423	132,866	- 2	343,962	348,393	+ 4,431	+ 1	
May	109,722	87,934	- 20	453,684	436,327	- 17,357	- 4	
June	40,376			494,060				
July	18,189			512,249				
August	14,825			527,074				
September	16,550			543,624				
October	16,904			560,528				
November	16,248			576,776				
December	19,564			596,340				
Total chicks								
January	173,972	187,301	+ 8	173,972	187,301	+ 13,329	+ 8	
February	198,864	208,153	+ 5	372,836	395,454	+ 22,618	+ 6	
March	264,159	302,415	+ 14	636,995	697,869	+ 60,874	+ 10	
April	298,413	311,561	+ 4	935,408	1,009,430	+ 74,022	+ 8	
May	290,448	261,528	- 10	1,225,856	1,270,958	+ 45,102	+ 4	
June	217,964			1,443,820				
July	190,216			1,634,036				
August	167,838			1,801,874				
September	146,853			1,948,727				
October	150,416			2,099,143				
November	149,898			2,249,041				
December	167,566			2,416,607				

1/ Preliminary.

Chicken eggs in incubators June 1, 1959

Geographic Divisions	Percent change from June 1, 1958		Total eggs
	Broiler-type	Egg-type	
New England	- 12	- 32	- 15
Middle Atlantic	- 4	- 36	- 17
East North Central	- 18	- 37	- 26
West North Central	- 26	- 48	- 38
South Atlantic	- 9	- 2	- 9
East South Central	+ 9	- 7	+ 9
West South Central	- 6	- 28	- 7
Mountain	- 58	- 44	- 50
Pacific	- 4	- 8	- 6
United States	- 7	- 31	- 12

Poults hatched and turkey eggs in incubators

Geographic Divisions	White heavy breeds 1/1958 : 1959 2/		Other heavy breeds 1/1958 : 1959 2/		Total heavy breeds 1/1958 : 1959 2/		Light breeds 1/1958 : 1959 2/	
	Thou.	Thou.	Thou.	Thou.	Thou.	Thou.	Thou.	Thou.
Poults hatched during May								
New England	253	280	56	54	309	334	5	2
Middle Atlantic	250	206	298	238	548	444	49	31
East North Central	801	812	1,977	1,634	2,778	2,446	272	338
West North Central	1,235	1,706	4,464	4,575	5,699	6,281	466	422
South Atlantic	120	519	1,274	1,686	1,394	2,205	1,056	1,706
South Central	258	221	1,626	1,515	1,884	1,736	188	176
West	94	204	4,446	4,021	4,540	4,225	120	211
United States	3,011	3,948	14,141	13,723	17,152	17,671	2,156	2,886
Turkey eggs in incubators - June 1								
New England	361	353	77	77	438	430	7	3
Middle Atlantic	348	350	453	373	801	723	73	49
East North Central	972	1,175	2,181	2,029	3,153	3,204	497	479
West North Central	1,880	2,904	4,317	4,303	6,197	7,207	712	803
South Atlantic	175	284	2,506	1,741	2,681	2,025	1,683	1,574
South Central	378	212	2,150	1,883	2,528	2,095	187	185
West	91	201	6,645	5,669	6,736	5,870	239	229
United States	4,205	5,479	18,329	16,075	22,534	21,554	3,398	3,322

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Poults hatched by commercial hatcheries - United States

Month	By Months			Cumulative			
	1958	1959 2/	Change from: last year	1958	1959 2/	Change from last year	
	Thou.	Thou.	Percent	Thou.	Thou.	Thou.	Percent
Heavy white breeds 1/							
January	779	1,183	+ 52	779	1,183	+ 404	+ 52
February	919	1,101	+ 20	1,698	2,284	+ 586	+ 35
March	1,348	1,908	+ 42	3,046	4,192	+1,146	+ 38
April	2,223	2,778	+ 25	5,269	6,970	+1,701	+ 32
May	3,011	3,948	+ 31	8,280	10,918	+2,638	+ 32
June	2,426			10,706			
July	1,622			12,328			
August	779			13,107			
September	492			13,599			
October	606			14,205			
November	850			15,055			
December	1,096			16,151			
Other heavy breeds 1/							
January	1,723	1,226	- 29	1,723	1,226	- 497	- 29
February	3,709	3,513	- 5	5,432	4,739	- 693	- 13
March	9,600	9,132	- 5	15,032	13,871	-1,161	- 8
April	13,543	13,073	- 3	28,575	26,944	-1,631	- 6
May	14,141	13,723	- 3	42,716	40,667	-2,049	- 5
June	9,501			52,217			
July	2,921			55,138			
August	147			55,285			
September	35			55,320			
October	119			55,439			
November	271			55,710			
December	631			56,341			
Total all heavy breeds 1/							
January	2,502	2,409	- 4	2,502	2,409	- 93	- 4
February	4,628	4,614	---	7,130	7,023	- 107	- 2
March	10,948	11,040	+ 1	18,078	18,063	- 15	---
April	15,766	15,851	+ 1	33,844	33,914	+ 70	---
May	17,152	17,671	+ 3	50,996	51,585	+ 589	+ 1
June	11,927			62,923			
July	4,543			67,466			
August	926			68,392			
September	527			68,919			
October	725			69,644			
November	1,121			70,765			
December	1,727			72,492			

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Poults hatched by commercial hatcheries - United States							
Month	By months			Cumulative			
	1958	1959	Change from last year	1958	1959	Change from last year	
	Thou.	Thou.	Percent	Thou.	Thou.	Thou.	Percent
<u>Light breeds 1/:</u>							
January	847	1,501	+ 77	847	1,501	+ 654	+ 77
February	994	1,332	+ 34	1,841	2,833	+ 992	+ 54
March	1,131	1,727	+ 53	2,972	4,560	+1,588	+ 53
April	1,552	1,898	+ 22	4,524	6,458	+1,934	+ 43
May	2,156	2,886	+ 34	6,680	9,344	+2,664	+ 40
June	2,134			8,814			
July	1,978			10,792			
August	1,097			11,889			
September	546			12,435			
October	468			12,903			
November	662			13,565			
December	1,093			14,658			
Total all breeds 1/:							
January	3,349	3,910	+ 17	3,349	3,910	+ 561	+ 17
February	5,622	5,946	+ 6	8,971	9,856	+ 885	+ 10
March	12,079	12,767	+ 6	21,050	22,623	+1,573	+ 7
April	17,318	17,749	+ 2	38,368	40,372	+2,004	+ 5
May	19,308	20,557	+ 6	57,676	60,929	+3,253	+ 6
June	14,061			71,737			
July	6,521			78,258			
August	2,023			80,281			
September	1,073			81,354			
October	1,193			82,547			
November	1,783			84,330			
December	2,820			87,150			

1/ Heavy white breeds include heavy white-feathered breeds, such as Broad white, white Holland, Empire white, Lancaster, and crosses with light white breeds. All other heavy breeds are reported under "other." Light breeds include Beltsville, Jersey Buff, Royal Palm and wild turkeys.

2/ Preliminary.